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Thank you for your letter of 11 March with its twelve enclosures. Your direct and clear presentation of the matter is most appreciated. All the documents you submit have been given careful study, together with our own records relative to the subject.

I realize that the delay in arriving at a decision in the matter must have seemed to you unconscionably long and I regret the annoyance it has caused you. This delay, however, is clearly attributable to the careful and prudent consideration which was given to the many unusual problems connected with a project of the type contemplated. After a careful weighing of all the factors involved, the decision was finally reached that the projected operation would have to be abandoned.

I deeply regret the necessity for this decision, but as the situation now stands, no further action in the matter is proposed by this Agency.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED: *Deep sea ER*
"Apr."

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